mark on goods for sale within the country.

Submission of Forged Documents in KVIC in Visakhapatnam

3406. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that forged documents are routinely submitted to the KVIC office in Visakhapatnam for release of funds to applicants;

(b) whether it is a fact that complaints of this nature have been ignored by KVIC in the last two years;

(c) whether steps will be taken to carefully equire and apprehend the culprits who submitted forged documents and obtained financial assistance from the Visakhapatnam office of KVIC; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to initiate severe action against the officers and applicants/beneficiaries who collaborated in cheating the KVIC for huge sums of money and subsidies?

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Projected Growth of Export

3407. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have estimated that export will rise to US $ 90 billion a year by 2002 A.D. on a projected growth of 20 or 20-plus per cent in dollar terms per year;

(b) the details of the justification for such a projection;

(c) whether it is a fact that these projections do not take into account complicating variables such as rupee-dollar exchange; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) (a) and (b) Considering the important role of exports in inproving the balance of trade and sustained export growth at 18-20% in $ terms achieved in recent years, it is envisaged that the 20% dollar growth in exports can be sustained. Arithmetically the export value at 20% annual dollar growth would be around US $ 90 billion by 2002.

(c) and (d) The estimates are in dollar values over the base year export values realised in dollar terms.

Consumer Protection Act

3408. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to certain reports indicating that the basic purpose of the Consumer Protection Act is to statutorily settle consumer grievances within a mandatory period of six months is not being achieved;

(b) if so, the details of difficulties coming in the way of achievement of purpose;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The pendency of cases in Consumer Courts is on account of factors such as inadequate infrastructure, in the fora frequent adjournments etc. To strengthen the infrastructure of the Consumer Courts, as well as to reduce pendency of cases in the Consumer, Courts, Central